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SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many buildings have become vacant in the City since 1st October 1953 on account of the separation of the Andhra State;

(b) whether the Government have considered the question of the necessity for continuing the Accommodation Controller after that separation; and

(c) whether the Accommodation Controller's office is now functioning in a private building?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Forty-six buildings were vacated by the old occupants. Most of these have been re-allotted.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Yes."

*Resources for financing the Five-Year Plan.*

* 218 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any circular from the Planning Commission calling on them to fulfil the estimated targets of resources given by them when the Five-Year Plan was prepared;

(b) what is the shortage so far as this State is concerned; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to make up the gap?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (a) The answer is in the negative. A circular about the resources is in its very nature inconceivable.

" (b) & (c) As regards the pace of development expenditure and resources for financing the Five-Year Plan of the Composite Madras State, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 25 of the Budget Speech (of the Minister for Finance) delivered in March 1953. The latest Budget speech deals with the position relating to the present Madras State."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, I find from the Budget speech that the short-fall relate primarily to the important nation-building activities like Education, Public Health, etc. Will the Government assure the House that these gaps would be filled up and that these activities would be pursued? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, we are trying our best to do that."

*State aid to the Madras Institute of Technology.*

* 219 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the starred question No. 1028, dated 25th July 1953, the decision of the Government on the application of the Madras Institute of Technology for financial aid from the Government?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have sanctioned a recurring annual block grant of Rs. 10,000 from 1953–54 to this institution."

*Raising of the full tank level of Rettanai Thangal in Gingee taluk.*

* 220 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation was received by the Collector of South Arcot from the ryots of Thenputhur village, Gingee taluk, against the raising of the full tank level of Rettanai Thangal in the month of December 1953 or January 1954; and

(b) the action taken on the representation by the Collector of South Arcot and the results of the action?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes, Sir, in January 1954.

" (b) As the Full Tank Level of Rettanai Thangal has not been raised or proposed to be raised, the ryots were informed of the position at the half-yearly Irrigation Conference on 14th February 1954."

*Prohibition of slow moving vehicles in certain roads in the City of Madras.*

* 221 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for the order prohibiting slow moving transports (vehicles) in some of the prominent roads of the City of Madras from December 1953;

(b) what the roads covered by the scheme and their distance are;

(c) whether any representation was made to Government requesting the cancellation of the above order; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) By this restriction it was expected that traffic congestion at the peak hours on certain very busy parts in the City will be relieved to a very great extent.

" (b) The roads which are now covered by the scheme and their distance are as follows :—

(1) Mount Road from Government House Junction to Spencer's Round—about 1·1 mile.

(2) General Patters Road from Wellington Talkies up to its junction with Pycrofts Road near Clock Tower—0·5 mile.

(3) General Hospital Road from Fort Traffic Umbrella to the Western end of General Hospital Bridge—0·5 mile.